

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [at page 12 lines 11-17] with the following amended paragraph:

In one embodiment, the tracked efficiency rating incorporates status information provided by network and server monitoring systems / services, so that systems determined to have problems will be updated as having very inefficient values (or a special value, such as a negative number, indicating complete unavailability). Thus, if a particular server is down, this failure impacts its communication efficiency with the client, which in turn causes a different network host to be determined as being the most efficient source for the client's desired resources.